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	MR. WILDER: All right. I'd like to call
2	the North Canton Board of Control virtual
3	meeting for Friday, May 1st, 2020, at 9:00
4	a.m. Present in the room is
5	MR. DEORIO: Roll call.
6	MR. WILDER: We'll have a roll call.
7	Excuse me.
8	MR. DEORIO: Member Wilder.
9	MR. WILDER: Member Wilder is here.
10	MR. DEORIO: Member Fox.
11	MR. FOX: Here.
12	MR. DEORIO: Member Alaback.
13	MS. ALABACK: Here.
14	MR. DEORIO: Member DeOrio is here.
15	MR. WILDER: All right. Mr. DeOrio, I'm
16	going to turn the meeting over to you for
17	your directions.
18	MR. DEORIO: If the Chair would entertain
19	a motion to approve the minutes from April
20	7th meeting, that would be appropriate.
21	MR. WILDER: The Chair makes a motion to
22	accept the minutes from April 7th, 2020.
23	MR. FOX: I'll second.
24	MR. WILDER: A second by Mr. Fox. All in
25	favor, say "aye."

1	MR. DEORIO: Aye.
2	MR. WILDER: Aye.
3	MR. FOX: Aye.
4	MS. ALABACK: Aye.
5	MR. WILDER: Opposed?
6	(No response.)
7	MR. WILDER: The motion carries for
8	acceptance of the minutes. Thank you.
9	MR. DEORIO: Okay. In regards to the
10	second item on the agenda, agreement for
11	purchase of property as authorized by City
12	Council, on Wednesday of this week, April
13	29th, I believe, the City Council met at 5:00
14	to approve an acquisition of commercial real
15	estate for property located at 1212 North
16	Main Street, locally known as the former site
17	of the United States Postal Service.
18	There is a real estate purchase agreement
19	that is in place, and it was signed and
20	executed on March the 25th, countersigned on
21	March 30th. And we have been, for the last
22	few weeks, working on getting the closing.
23	And we have that set for Monday, May the 4th.
24	The we have received wiring instructions,
25	settlement documents today. The agreed
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1 purchase price for this parcel was \$688,000 2 even; \$688- even. 3 This parcel is part of a potentially 4 series of parcels where the future home of a 5 new EMS, fire, and police building would be. 6 That's the nature of the -- of the purchase. 7 THE REPORTER: I'm having trouble hearing 8 you, Pat. "That's the nature" --9 MR. DEORIO: That is the nature of this 10 purchase. 11 THE REPORTER: Thank you. 12 MR. FOX: Member DeOrio, we want to 13 discuss the overall --THE REPORTER: I can't hear Tim. Or was 14 15 that off the --16 MR. FOX: I'm asking Member DeOrio if --17 if he wanted to discuss the overall plan and 18 how this purchase comes into this plan, and 19 perhaps what would happen if -- how we are, 20 you know, looking at support for that plan. 21 Is there an alternative should that -- that 22 not come to fruition? 23 MR. DEORIO: Yes. Thank you, Member Fox. 24 So in the -- as we look at this, the City has 25 been working for a couple years now to try

and get a -- a need satisfied for a police, fire, EMS building. The -- there have been numerous reasons over the past years expressed as to why we need that. And I think as we are looking at today's environment with a global pandemic, it spells out the urgency even more to protect our police, fire, and EMS personnel with social distancing in the place that they do business and sleep and otherwise reside.

We had engaged an architecture firm to come up with a design to work with the various department heads to determine what are the actual needs, space-wise, how this would lay out. Drawings have been put together and consultations made. Through that process, we determined that a total acreage of approximately 3 acres would be needed to house this facility.

In the past, we had received an offer from the Industrial Realty Group for 3 acres of ground within the Hoover District. That proved the -- not a location that the community would support. So it caused us to have to start looking elsewhere.

1 In consultation with the chiefs of police 2 and fire/EMS, it is their strong insistence 3 that a location be obtained on Main Street, 4 and that really anywhere on Main Street would 5 be sufficient; that they couldn't entertain 6 being, say, on Applegrove or on East Maple or 7 something like that. It had to be on Main 8 Street in order to be able to keep their 9 response times in order. 10 As we began to start to search this out, 11 it became apparent that there were a few 12 properties for sale that, if brought together 13 in the aggregate, would constitute 3 and a 14 half acres, which would be sufficient --15 THE REPORTER: Pat, I'm having a really hard time hearing you guys. 16 17 MR. DEORIO: Okay. Where did you --18 where did you --19 THE REPORTER: "It was apparent that 20 there were a few properties for sale" --21 MR. DEORIO: It was -- can you hear me 2.2 better now? 23 THE REPORTER: Yes. 24 MR. DEORIO: Okay. It was apparent that 25 there were a few properties for sale that, if

So we entered into negotiations with the effective parties and actually have been able to get under contract, subject to closing and due diligence, three of the four parcels so far. They represent the three parcels that front Main Street. And there is an additional parcel that is approximately 1.37 acres that resides behind these three, that would be also anticipated in making that acquisition of that property, as well.

So as those continue to move forward, this was the first one to come up. So our -- this is how it fits together in the total

and a half acres, which would meet the requirement of the design as laid out by the architects. So at that -- at that time, the property at 1212 North Main was listed for sale, and the City began to inquire as to that nature of that property. And through that, we also had taken note that the property at 1136 North Main was for sale, and that there were discussions ongoing with 1200 North Main that indicated that that property would be for sale.

25 this is how it fits together in

plan of why this location works out, and that, you know, three of the four properties were already listed or about to be listed on the market.

Now, there will be a -- I'm sure that the administration, at the behest of the Mayor, will lead an effort to educate and inform the public as to the need for a police, fire, EMS building, and that measures will have to be taken through the City Council to place some type of issue on the ballot in 2021. And pending the outcome of that vote would determine which direction the City would go.

measure is approved, we would be able to move forward with the final design, engineering, and construction of the facility at this location. Should the voters not approve that, then the City would be able to put together an economic development plan for reconstituting those parcels for some economic development purpose. So there is a plan B.

Is that the idea of what you were hoping I would address?

1 MR. FOX: That's exactly that. There is 2 one other provision that you had 3 mentioned before, if you elaborate on --4 THE REPORTER: Tim, can you come closer, 5 please? I'm sorrv. 6 MR. FOX: Yes. There was one other 7 provision that Member DeOrio had -- had 8 mentioned outside of this one, and I just 9 wanted to put this on the record for the 10 Board of Control; that there was another 11 significant factor on the aggregate of the --12 these properties and how they are zoned in 13 that area, and that if you go into how it 14 differs from perhaps some other locations, 15 where you're -- what your neighbors are 16 and -- for this parcel. 17 MR. DEORIO: Yes, the zoning on Main 18 Street in this area is zoned general 19 business. It is in a business district. 20 Adjacent to the north is the Goodwill 21 property and Starbucks. Across the street is 22 the drugstore and auto parts store. To the 23 immediate south is a plaza in which there is 24 commercial retail, office structures. 25 This site is desirable in respect to the

1 the -- particularly the EMS and fire operations, probably in that order, that when 3 an ambulance goes out, an EMS, the sirens are And at that location -- we are at 7th 5 Street, which is in a residential area, is causing great disturbances over the years and 7 complaints to the City about do we have to 8 turn the sirens on. 9 Getting this out on Main Street in this 10 commercial district would not pose that type 11 of problem for -- for the City. With the 12 garage bays facing Main Street, they will be 13 able to just pull right out onto Main Street 14 with the sirens on. 15 If it gets a little loud right now, we 16 have a City street sweeper just outside the 17 office. So I'm going to pause for just a 18 minute. 19 THE REPORTER: Okay. 20 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.) 21 MR. DEORIO: All right. I think he is 22 past the building, but he's still out there. 23 But I think you'll be able to hear me. 24 THE REPORTER: Okay. 25 MR. DEORIO: And then so immediately to

the east of this property is an apartment building, and then -- a rather large apartment building, with its own set of streets, private streets. So it's a pretty decent size complex, and we don't get into residential until we get past -- further east on that.

MR. FOX: Thank you, Member DeOrio. I imagine the membership of the Board had some prior knowledge of this, but if we don't share it with the public and for others that are going to read this a year from now or five years from now, they -- they at least know those factors that we really have looked at, certainly going into --

THE REPORTER: I'm having -- I can't hear Tim.

MR. FOX: That I wanted to get on the record for the Board of Control members some things that the -- the membership themselves may be aware of in -- in formulating the membership's decisions in this, but without us illustrating those for the record, they don't know the factors that we have contemplated, such as that this is in a

business district, the noise factor, its central location, ease of on and off Main Street. And that would likely reduce -- it's already a very vast response throughout the City, and reduce those concerns and complaints for fire/EMS calls coming out of a residential neighborhood.

THE REPORTER: Thank you.

MR. WILDER: This is Mayor Wilder. I'd like to just add a couple comments, if I may. One of the main reasons we were fortunate to have this plan acquisition was that was one of the questions in the past, as to where would a safety service complex or campus be -- be located.

Having this location come out, it was an opportunity for us to move forward and acquire that land and the surrounding properties, to allow us the -- to have a safer approach to the building for our employees, for our fire personnel, but also there are other things that go on, that the technology has advanced, that we don't have available for us at our current maybe police or fire departments.

Just alone, you can't -- decontamination of our firefighters from any type of call that they may go on. And so these are things that we have looked at. The other thing, too, was we had the land acquired. We established a sound and stable revenue stream for this project.

And I think that in the future, this will be something that will be accessible to our community, but also provide a safe environment for our police and fire personnel, and have it be a hallmark of our community that we have evolved out of the '70s from our current location, where -- in the basement of City Hall, to an actual facility available to our public and also providing safe and accessible services coming from that building and -- and the actions of the people involved.

So I just wanted to add a certain comment there that this will be quite an addition for our community and for our personnel for the next many, many years. Thank you.

MR. DEORIO: Are there any other comments?

1	(No response.)
2	MR. DEORIO: I'd like the Chair to
3	entertain a motion to approve this commercial
4	real estate purchase agreement with Ten Mile
5	Creek Partners.
6	THE REPORTER: "With"
7	MR. DEORIO: Ten Mile Creek Partners.
8	MR. WILDER: A motion is on the floor as
9	described by or explained by Mr. DeOrio.
10	MS. ALABACK: I second.
11	MR. WILDER: There is a second by
12	Ms. Jina Alaback. Is there any further
13	discussion?
14	(No response.)
15	MR. WILDER: The motion is on the floor.
16	It has been seconded. I'll call for a roll
17	call for approval.
18	Mayor Wilder says aye.
19	MR. DEORIO: Member Fox.
20	MR. FOX: Aye.
21	MR. DEORIO: Member Alaback.
22	MS. ALABACK: Yes.
23	MR. DEORIO: Member DeOrio votes yes.
24	MR. WILDER: At this time, is there
25	anything else to come before the Board?

1	(No response.)
2	MR. WILDER: If not, motion to adjourn.
3	MR. DEORIO: I would move to adjourn.
4	MR. WILDER: Mr. DeOrio motions.
5	MR. FOX: Second.
6	MR. WILDER: Second goes to Mr. Fox.
7	Right?
8	MR. FOX: Yes, sir.
9	MR. WILDER: All in favor, say "aye."
10	MR. DEORIO: Aye.
11	MR. WILDER: Aye.
12	MR. FOX: Aye.
13	MS. ALABACK: Aye.
14	MR. WILDER: Opposed?
15	(No response.)
16	MR. WILDER: Motion carries. Thank you
17	for your time and the privilege to present
18	this and the support of the Board. That
19	concludes our meeting, 9:20.
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21	(This proceeding concluded at 9:20 a.m.)
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23	ATTEST:
24	Storia. B. Wilder.
25	Patrick DeOrio Director of Administration Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

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